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REMARKS

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1. On 11 April, only a Soviet komendatura was stationed in Halberstadt.

2. At about 7 p.m. on 13 April, a train carrying 38 T-34/85 tanks [redacted] 3 prime movers and about 120 soldiers was seen at the Neustadt/Dosse railroad station. [redacted] the train was loaded in Dessau-Rosslau.¹

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3. On 17 April, the quarters in Tangernuende housed a Soviet unit with black-bordered black epaulets. Residents referred to the soldiers as engineer troops who had about battalion strength.²

4. On 18 April, the Infanterie Kaserne in Strausberg quartered a course with about 300 soldiers, cadre personnel and administration. The Artillerie Schule on Wriezener Strasse housed an officers' course with about 100 officers, instructors and cadre personnel.³ A contractor learned at the special construction bureau in Lichtenberg that all orders by the Soviets regarding projects in Karlshorst, Gruenau and Biesdorf were called off.⁴

5. Troops from the Fridericus Kaserne engaged in a loading practice at the Neuruppin railroad station. The operation involved about 10 trucks, T-34/85 tanks [redacted] and about 150 soldiers on 17 April, and about 22 trucks, 2 x 76.2-mm AT guns, JS-1 tank [redacted] JS-3 tank [redacted] and about 250 soldiers on 18 April.⁵

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6. On 19 April, construction work was done on the two barracks buildings of the barracks installations near Ruedersdorf. The newly completed buildings had not yet been occupied.⁶

7. [redacted] about 180 soldiers from the Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Quedlinburg-Quarmbeck were transferred by rail. About 260 soldiers were seen at infantry training and mortar practice.⁷

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3. At 10 a.m. on 22 April, a train with 17 JS-3 tanks, 7 BA-64 armored scout cars, 1 jeep and 12 boxcars with about 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia stood at the Prenzlau railroad station. Truck C 9-76-93 stood on the ramp.⁸

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1. Comment. Possibly, a KVP shipment of the KVP Dessau-Kochstedt going to Rostock.
2. Comment. Presumably, the 338th Engr Bn of the 207th Itz Rifle Div which was apparently not in its winter quarters in the Taubentzien Kaserne, Stendal, on 11 April.
3. Comment. The information tends to indicate that the Infanterie Kaserne is still occupied by an NCO school and the former Land Jugend Heim by an artillery course.
4. [REDACTED]
5. Comment. A loading practice of a tank detail of the 12th Gds Tank Div which was reported previously.
6. Comment. [REDACTED] the construction in March of two further barracks buildings had been approved.
7. Comment. [REDACTED] loading of a unit with motor vehicles and light guns to have taken place on 14 April and Fliegerhorst Kaserne was 75 percent vacant on 16 April. [REDACTED] It was assumed here that the majority of the 597th Itz Rifle Regt of the 207th Itz Rifle Div had been transferred to Letzling Heath, to the Waldlager southeast of Jaevenitz.
8. Comment. Probably, a train of the 83d Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 25th Tank Div en route to Templin.

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